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Policies and Procedures Minutes 9/16/2011

Policies and Procedures Subcommittee, Arlington School Committee

School Committee Room – September 16, 2011 – 7:30a.m.

Approved Minutes

In Attendance:

Subcommittee Members: Judson L. Pierce-Chair

Joe Curro

School Committee Member: Bill Hayner

Administration: Ted Dever(Athletic Director), Diane Fisk Johnson(Chief Financial Officer), Lucille Nicholson(Head Nurse), Larry Weathers(Science Department Chair)

Absent: Subcommittee Member Jeffrey Thielman

There was a discussion concerning a parent's request for his son to be accepted for open enrollment at the Hardy School. The family resides in the Thompson District. Presently, the student is enrolled in Kindergarten at Stratton. Presently, there are more students in Kindergarten at Stratton than at Hardy. Further, the student's sibling is already enrolled at Hardy.

A motion was made by Mr. Curro to recommend to the School Committee the suspension of File JCA for the sole purpose of granting a waiver for Jonah T. to enter Kindergarten at the Hardy School effective Friday 9/23/11, in light of classroom size disparities. Seconded by Mr. Pierce. Motion passed 2-0.

OPEN ENROLLMENT, ATTENDANCE LINES: There was a discussion concerning Mr. Curro's revisions of Files JC, JCA and FA (these files deal with open enrollment and attendance lines).

Mr. Curro made a motion to recommend these changes to the full School Committee for First Read. Mr. Pierce seconded. Mr. Curro noted that his changes to FA attempt to codify the concerns about class size numbers made by School Committee member Dr. Allison-Ampe at our last meeting. Motions carried 2-0.

HEAD INJURIES and OTHER HEALTH POLICIES: Ms. Nicholson and Mr. Dever presented to the Subcommittee on head injuries. They talked about impact testing which would benefit our students and how much that might cost the district to implement (\$750.00 to test about 500 athletes). Ms. Nicholson stated that the baseline registered is good for two years and it is done on a computer. We would have to do about 40 kids at one time most likely in the evening. Ms. Johnson opined that we can afford to do this. Mr. Hayner asked Ms. Johnson to get us figures and information on other districts that have done this testing.

Mr. Curro moved to have the Chair request a model policy on head injuries from MASC and then to forward to Ms. Nicholson and Mr. Dever for their review and comment and to take up this issue at our next subcommittee meeting. Mr. Pierce seconded. The Motion passed 2-0.

It was noted by Ms. Nicholson that some of our health policies concerning inoculations, diseases, medications for example need to be revised and some policies concerning defibrillators for example need to be created and placed in our manuals.

ROOM RENTAL DISCUSSION: Mr. Larry Weathers discussed the robotics competition and this year's might be larger than last

year's. Mr. Hayner opined that if the groups are profit making they would reside in Tier 3 in the new KF-E policy. However, if these groups were charging money to defray costs, they may be considered to be Tier 2 for the purposes of the new room rental policy.

FILE BEDB: Motion made by Mr. Pierce to change the word "Friday" to "Monday" in policy BEDB and recommend this as a policy revision in first reading to the full School Committee at our next meeting, seconded by Mr. Curro. This is beneficial because our School Committee meetings are now on Thursdays and no longer on Tuesdays. Therefore having our packets on Monday means that we will have seen more recent up to date information then if the packets were to go out the Friday before. Motion passed 2-0.

Next meeting: October 4, 2011 at 7:30a.m.

Mr. Pierce moved to adjourn at 8:50a.m., seconded by Mr. Curro. Motion passed 2-0.